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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Office of Congressional Liaison STAT
THROUGH: [] Executive Officer STAT
Office of East Asian Analysis
FROM: [] Chief Domestic Policy Branch STAT
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SUBJECT: Discussion with CRS Staffers

1. As previously arranged through [] three OEA/CH analysts met with Richard Grimmett and Kerry Dumbaugh of Congressional Research Staff over lunch on February 26. The discussion topic was US-China arms sales and strategic cooperation, a topic CRS has addressed before. After questioning them for some time to get an idea of the scope of the proposed paper, we invited them to ask questions. STAT

2. After we declined to address their first question--on the rationale for and bureaucratic infighting surrounding US policy--they came around to relatively routine and standard questions, which we answered in a rather general fashion. They did not take notes, and we did not provide documentation. Much of the discussion focused on strategies, policies, myths about US-China relations, and China's own perception of its national interest. At the conclusion of the discussion, they indicated that they recognized the need to go through proper channels to arrange this sort of discussion.

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